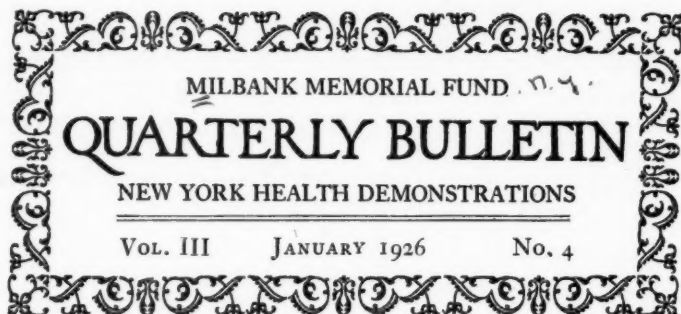


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#### ADVISORY COUNCIL *in* ANNUAL MEETING

*Fourth Annual Session held as part of  
the New York Tuberculosis and Health Conference*

THE accumulated experience of three years of practice in the New York Health Demonstrations was made the subject of a series of sessions devoted to the discussion of public health administration, held in New York City on November 19 and 20, 1925. The meetings were part of a two-day tuberculosis and health conference convened under the joint auspices of the United States Public Health Service, the New York State and City Departments of Health, the State Charities Aid Association, the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association, and the Milbank Memorial Fund.

Characterizing the gatherings as indicative of the interest of public health workers generally in the New York Health Demonstrations, Dr. William H. Welch, Director of the School of Hygiene and Public Health of The Johns Hopkins University, who presided over the conference, said that the sessions were in themselves an evidence of the progress made in these projects during the relatively short time they have been under way. A feature of the conference was the fourth

annual meeting of the Advisory Council of the Milbank Memorial Fund. Held on November twentieth, this session was also presided over by Dr. Welch, who is Chairman of the Council.

"These meetings," said Dr. Welch in opening the conference, "are a conscious effort to arrive at a better balance between production and distribution in the health field—to secure a larger distribution and application of the great public health discoveries of the last few decades.

"The health field has a woefully ineffective distribution service, as compared with its marvellously effective production service in the laboratories of the world."

Those co-operating in the health demonstrations, Dr. Welch continued, are attempting to show the world what results can be gotten from the application of health knowledge on a large scale.

Edward W. Sheldon, President of the Fund's Board of Directors, welcomed the Advisory Council members, and proposed a silent toast to the memory of Elizabeth Milbank Anderson, who established the foundation.

"We directors of the Fund," said Mr. Sheldon, "have

IN this issue of the *Quarterly Bulletin* there is presented a brief account of the fourth annual meeting of the Advisory Council of the Milbank Memorial Fund, held recently in New York. This meeting was one of a series of two-day conferences on tuberculosis and health, held under the auspices of the United States Public Health Service, the New York State and City Departments of Health, the State Charities Aid Association, the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association, and the Milbank Memorial Fund.

been watching with profound interest the development of the health demonstration during the past twelve months. There has been progress made, substantial in quantity and gratifying in quality."

A NUMBER of sessions of the conference, including the meeting of the Advisory Council, were given over to the discussion of progress in the rural, urban and metropolitan projects comprising the New York Health Demonstrations. In a second article are given summary accounts of addresses made at the meeting by representatives of Cattaraugus County, of Syracuse, and of the Bellevue-Yorkville district in New York City, where these three undertakings have been launched. On later pages are published items of current interest about these health demonstrations.

Speaking of the measurement of the results of the demonstrations, Dr. Welch pointed out the necessity of looking to two sources of information. When diphtheria antitoxin was first introduced, he said, most doctors were quite willing to trust to the experience and judgment of individual physicians, their impression being that this was sufficient testimony as to the value of this treatment in

individual cases. But, in bringing evidence on this question, which would be conclusive, it was necessary, he said, to resort to statistical analysis. There is such a thing as over-emphasizing the necessity of the statistical approach to the measurement of public health work. It should be borne in mind that that is not the sole means of judging and measuring the results of such activity, although it is desirable that these results shall be expressed in terms which are convincing to those who are skeptical.

A summary report of progress in the rural health demonstration of Cattaraugus County was given by Miss Lilla C. Wheeler and John Walrath, members of the County Board

of Health; by Edward W. Fitzgerald, Secretary of the Olean Chamber of Commerce, and by the Honorable A. T. Fancher, President of the Allegany State Park Commission.

Similarly, the urban health demonstration in Syracuse was reported upon by Giles H. Stilwell, Chairman Citizens' Committee of the Syracuse Health Demonstration; Percy M. Hughes, Superintendent of Schools of Syracuse; Dr. Herman G. Weiskotten, Dean of the Medical College of Syracuse University; and Dr. Charles Wesley Flint, Chancellor of Syracuse University.

Dr. James Alexander Miller, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Bellevue-Yorkville Health Demonstration in New York City, said that the chief task confronted in this project was to find means of getting "those things which are already being done, done better." The organization of the Community Health Council, a survey of the district, the remodeling of the Milbank Building into a model community health center, and the co-ordination of demonstration activities with those of the County Medical Society were cited by Dr. Miller as evidences of progress in the inauguration of the metropolitan health demonstration.

Several speakers voiced the good will of the demonstration communities for the co-operation of the Fund in the enterprises of the New York Health Demonstrations. "I think," said Albert G. Milbank, in closing the meeting, "that all of the expressions of gratitude should come from the Milbank Fund to all of the men and women who are carrying on these health demonstrations so splendidly."





## *The RURAL and URBAN* HEALTH DEMONSTRATIONS

*Cattaraugus County and Syracuse Citizens  
Give Their Impressions of Recent Progress in These Projects*

GENERAL interest in the rural and urban projects of the New York Health Demonstrations on the part of the citizens of Cattaraugus County and of Syracuse was evidenced in the reports brought by representatives of these communities to members of the Advisory Council of the Milbank Memorial Fund at the recent meeting of this body. Special activity in the fields of public health nursing; tuberculosis; maternity, infancy and child hygiene; school hygiene; and mental and social hygiene; of health education, and of orthopedy, was cited as having attracted much local attention in Cattaraugus County. Popular interest in Syracuse, on the other hand, has been recently centered in the question of the desirability of the full-time health officer; the co-ordination of the private practice of medicine with public health work; communicable disease control; and in the setting up of machinery for the correction of defects found by the physical examination of school children.

"Gentlemen," said Miss Lilla C. Wheeler of the Cattaraugus County Board of Health, "you can weigh babies, you

can measure school children, and you can figure out death rates, but there is no machine in the world by which you can measure joy. Happiness is a force in this world, and through this demonstration you are bringing the joy of health to our plain homes in the remote parts of Cattaraugus County. For that we are profoundly grateful to you."

John Walrath, President of the Board of Health, cited the voluntary participation of the people of Cattaraugus County in the support of the clinics for crippled children as an example of their interest in the rural health demonstration.

The Hon. A. T. Fancher, President of the Allegany State Park Commission, mentioned the large increase made by the County Board of Supervisors in the budget for the work of the County Board of Health\* as being, perhaps, the most tangible evidence of interest and willingness to cooperate in the demonstration which the people of the district have had an opportunity to present.

Commenting upon the control work in tuberculosis being carried on in the County, Miss Wheeler said that although the enlarged sanatorium has a capacity for only fifty patients, others suffering from this disease are cared for in their homes with the assistance of the public health nurses.

"These nurses go up the hills and down the dales," she continued. "They find crippled children; they find cases of tuberculosis; they visit the schools and treat and teach the children; and in homes they instruct mothers in the care of the pre-school children."

Miss Wheeler remarked that twelve public health nurses had made some 14,000 visits to patients in the County in the first nine months of 1925. Of these, 4,457 visits had been made to mothers and infants.

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That the value of its rural public health nursing service has been demonstrated to Cattaraugus County is evidenced by the recent action of the County Board of Supervisors in appropriating funds to take over this phase of the demonstration activities. A headquarters for the nurses and a health center is maintained in each of the stations of the six public health nursing districts. From these centers the nurses carry on the generalized public health nursing service.

"The nurses had 494 maternity and infancy cases under their supervision on the first of November, 1925," said Miss Wheeler. "In 1922 the deaths of 151 infants were recorded in the County; and in 1923 there were 135 such deaths, while in 1924 the number had decreased to 97. During the first nine months of 1925, there were only 72 infant deaths."

Giles H. Stillwell, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee of the Syracuse Health Demonstration, voiced the gratitude of this body for the Fund's co-operation in the project. Speaking in the same vein, Charles Wesley Flint, Chancellor of Syracuse University, said that early in the undertaking a number of people in Syracuse jumped to the conclusion that a demonstration was being made to Syracuse. "I



"The City's healthiest school" is the title locally bestowed upon the Putman Public School in the City of Syracuse. In this photograph are shown the members of the staffs of the Departments of Health and Public Instruction, who took part in the presentation of a silver trophy cup to the school, in recognition of the immunization of more than fifty per cent of its pupils against diphtheria.

believe that as we get over the psychology in Syracuse that it is a demonstration *by* the people of Syracuse, inspired and assisted by the Milbank Fund, we will be increasingly successful in measuring up to the opportunity which is ours here, namely, to demonstrate to other cities of New York State and elsewhere what can be accomplished by the application of modern knowledge in public health administration."

Dr. Herman G. Weiskotten, Dean of the School of Medicine of Syracuse University and recently appointed Commissioner of Health of that City, said that progress is being made by the demonstration in co-ordinating the private practice of medicine and public health activity.

"There are three lines of activity in school health work which have been undertaken in Syracuse," said Percy M. Hughes, Superintendent of Schools. "Pupils are examined for any difficulty that impairs the health and effectiveness of the individual. As a part of the demonstration, all of the



children in the schools, 25,875, have been examined. Sixteen per cent, or about 4,000 of them, were found to have goitre. Through treatment given to these children, 1,248 cases out of the 4,000 were cured and improvement was noted in 859 other cases.

"The first day of the school term every child in the graded classes and in the kindergartens is examined by the doctors and the nurses, in order to discover any contagious conditions. Three years ago, during the school year ended in 1923, the days of absence due to contagious troubles were 43,300. In the following year, 45,870 school days were lost by pupils because of contagious troubles. Last year, the number of days lost was reduced to 6,620.

"Through the co-operation of the departments of physical training, the art department, the teachers in the regular academic work, and in the special classes, an effective program has been developed for educating the children, from the beginning grades up, as to what good health means and how to secure it," Mr. Hughes concluded.

Earlier in the New York Tuberculosis and Health Conference, of which this meeting was a part, Dr. E. George Payne, Acting Dean of the School of Education of New York University, has said that: "The first thing essential in order to carry out health teaching through the schools is to conceive of health as an end of education, and not as a school subject. The second essential is to look upon health as a matter of activity, not as a matter of knowledge."



# NEWS DIGEST

*of the* NEW YORK HEALTH DEMONSTRATIONS

DR. Hugh S. Cumming, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service and a member of the Milbank Memorial Fund's Advisory Council, said at the recent tuberculosis and health conference in New York that "the number of counties in the United States provided with local health service under the direction of whole-time county or district health officers was 280 at the beginning of the calendar year 1925 as against 250 at the beginning of the calendar year 1924; 230 in 1923; 202 in 1922; 161 in 1921; and 109 in 1920. The gain of 171 county health departments within this five-year period is significant, although lamentably small when one stops to consider that there are approximately 3,000 counties in the United States."



"AS head of the Federal health service," he con-

tinued, "the opportunity is afforded me to observe the various methods by which different sections of our country carry on their public health work—all in accordance with the same general plan and embodying the same principles, but with the details adapted to meet local conditions. There are, for example, many localities which, though not yet ready for the conduct of public health work on the scale of the Cattaraugus County Health Demonstration, are nevertheless making encouraging progress. In certain counties in the South where such work, if begun at all must be conducted on a low cost basis, and in which outdoor sanitary measures such as control of soil pollution, protection of domestic water supplies, and prevention of mosquito breeding are especially indicated, county health departments have been established consisting of a sanitary officer versed

only in a lay knowledge and working under the supervision of state and local boards of health. That even such simple inexpensive health work as this may be made to yield results far out of proportion to the small amounts invested, is shown by the actual records of accomplishment."

OTHER localities, said Dr. Cumming, "have been able to support larger health organizations and are deriving greater benefits from them. As an example of what may be accomplished by an efficient county health department carrying out a well balanced program of county health work, I may mention a county in Alabama in which whole-time health service was begun in 1918. For the ten years immediately preceding the establishment of the health department, the annual death rate averaged over 19 per thousand of population. In the calendar year 1921, it had been reduced to about 12.6 and has remained at about 12 ever since. As the population of that county is about 50,000, the lowering of the death rate by seven points means 350 less deaths a year. The total

annual expenditures for the support of the county health service have averaged about \$14,000 in the last three years. The saving of American citizens at a cost of less than \$50 a life saved appears to be good business.

"Through the demonstrations in Cattaraugus County and elsewhere, sufficient evidence is at hand to show that properly conducted county health work will yield a remarkable dividend in the protection and promotion of human health and in a money saving to the community amounting to many times its cost."

ANNOUNCEMENT that the Board of Supervisors in Cattaraugus County had voted unanimously to appropriate \$56,000 toward the development of the public health program being carried on there as the rural project of the New York Health Demonstrations was made by former Senator A. T. Fancher at the recent meeting of the Fund's Advisory Council. Pursuant to Chapter 278, Laws of 1924, State of New York, half of this sum will be returned to the County by the State.

The appropriation marks an increase of \$40,000 over the County and State expenditures for public health work in Cattaraugus County in 1925. It represents an increase of approximately \$47,000 over the public appropriations for such work in 1923. The rural health demonstration was inaugurated in Cattaraugus County in January, 1923.



**EDGAR SYDENSTRICKER**, Public Health Statistician of the United States Public Health Service, has been appointed Statistical Consultant of the Milbank Memorial Fund. Through the courtesy of Dr. Cumming, Surgeon General, Mr. Sydenstricker has been assigned to make a survey of the statistical recording systems of the New York Health Demonstrations.

He was appointed to his present position in the United

States Public Health Service in 1915, with supervision of the statistical research office and of the statistical work of the Service in studies of pellagra, influenza and industrial hygiene. In 1923, he was granted a leave of absence to act as Chief of Service of Epidemiological Intelligence and Public Health Statistics for the League of Nations in initiating the statistical work of the League's health organization.



**ANNOUNCEMENT** has been made of the recent appointment of Bertrand Brown as an Assistant Secretary of the Fund. Mr. Brown is an alumnus of Oberlin College, of Columbia University, and of the New York School of Social Work. He was formerly editorial consultant to a group of social agencies in New York, and for some time has been serving in this capacity as an assistant to the Fund.

THESE demonstrations are not only for Cattaraugus County, Syracuse, and New York City. They are helping Cattaraugus County, Syracuse and the Bellevue-Yorkville district to do something which will show the world how health knowledge can actually be applied on a larger scale.

—WILLIAM H. WELCH, M.D.

*The* RURAL HEALTH DEMONSTRATION  
in CATTARAUGUS COUNTY, NEW YORK

THE work for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis being carried on in Cattaraugus County was recently inspected by Dr. Veranus A. Moore, Dean of the New York State Veterinary College at Cornell, and a member of the committee on bovine tuberculosis of the Advisory Council.

Commenting upon the findings of his survey, Dr. Moore said: "Cattaraugus County contains approximately 80,000 cattle, distributed in 4,500 herds. From 1920 to 1923, during which time the miscellaneous testing was in progress, 1,700 cattle were tuberculin tested with 221, or 13 per cent, of the animals reacting. In 1923 the County came under the area plan. In that year, 3,924 herds, with 65,206 animals were tested, of which 5,059, or 7.7 per cent, reacted.

"In 1924, 4,403 herds, with 71,003 animals, were tested, of which 3,536, or 4.9 per cent, reacted. From November 1, 1924, to September 15, 1925,

25,483 animals had been retested, of which 646, or 2.55 per cent, were condemned. This month State and Federal inspectors are retesting all herds in which reactors were found on the previous examination and the County is testing the accredited herds. I have not learned the results. It is gratifying to state, however, that earlier in the year Dr. Wadsworth, a State inspector, made a complete test of all accredited herds in two townships with 0.29 of 1 per cent of the animals reacting."



A COUNTY Health Committee, consisting of five members of the Cattaraugus County Board of Supervisors, has been appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, J. W. Watson, the appointment being authorized by the Board. The new committee is intended to act as a point of contact between the local governing body and of-

ficials of the health demonstration. The members of the committee are Byron J. Both and Samuel P. McLaughlin of Olean; L. L. Oyer of West Valley; H. K. Congdon of Randolph, and H. P. Hogan of Salamanca.



THE prevention of blindness in Cattaraugus County was made the subject of a meeting held recently in the County. The conference was attended by Dr. Stephen A. Douglass, County Health Officer; Dr. C. A. Greenleaf, Director of the County School Hygiene District, and by representatives of national and state organizations for the prevention of blindness and of the State Department of Education.



THE annual luncheon-meeting of the Christmas Seal workers of Cattaraugus County, given under the auspices of the County Public Health Association, was held in Salamanca on October twenty-eighth.

Dr. W. W. Whipple of Salamanca presided at the meeting, which was attended by

representatives from every section of the County. Speakers included Homer Folks, Secretary of the State Charities Aid Association; Miss Lilla C. Wheeler, County Campaign Chairman in the Christmas Seal movement; John A. Kingsbury, Secretary of the Milbank Memorial Fund; Dr. C. A. Greenleaf, President of the County Public Health Association; Dr. Stephen A. Douglass, County Health Officer, and the Honorable A. T. Fancher of Salamanca.



EXHIBITS illustrative of the work of the health demonstration were made a feature of miniature "fairs" recently held in several of the schools in Cattaraugus County. Members of the demonstration staff gave talks during the expositions on various phases of the health services offered by the demonstration.



THE first meeting held in Salamanca in connection with the development of the nutrition program of the County Home Bureau was attended

by some 125 representative women of the City. Miss Ruby Odell, nutrition specialist for the health demonstration, had charge of the meeting, at which Mrs. George Brodie, chairman of the project for Salamanca, presided. Leaders and assistant leaders for the four classes into which the group was divided were also chosen.

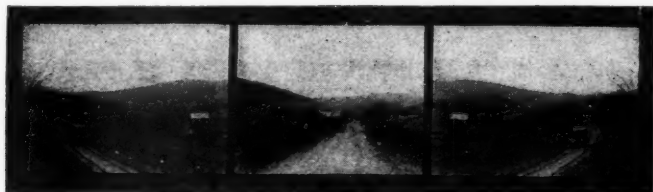


THAT fourteen thousand visits had been made by the twelve field nurses of the Cattaraugus County Board of Health during 1925, prior to the first of December, was reported at the annual health and welfare dinner of the Olean Kiwanis Club, held recently at St. Bonaventure College. It was also brought out at the meeting that the County Laboratory made approximately four times as many examinations in 1925 as were made in 1923. Similar improvements were noted in the service of other bureaus.

THE Jolly Jester, a health entertainer, spent three days in the County during November, visiting ten of the high schools and giving entertainments in which lessons in proper food and health habits were dramatized. His appearances were made under the auspices of the County Public Health Association, with the co-operation of the County School Hygiene District staff and the County Board of Health.



DR. William Paul Brown, Medical Director of Rocky Crest Sanatorium, represented the Cattaraugus County Health Demonstration at the fifteenth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Conference on Tuberculosis held recently in Lansing, Michigan. Dr. Brown spoke on "Tuberculosis Case Finding in Children," basing his talk on the results of the work in the demonstration.



*The* URBAN HEALTH DEMONSTRATION  
*in the* CITY OF SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

A MENTAL hygiene demonstration is being carried on in the Seymour School of Syracuse during the current school year. The demonstration is under the joint direction of the Department of Public Instruction and the Mental Hygiene Committee of the Onondaga Health Association. Miss Elizabeth Allen, physchiatric social service worker for the past two years in the Mental Clinic at the Free Dispensary and for the Utica State Hospital, has been granted a leave of absence for a year from the hospital to carry on this work. She is serving as executive secretary of the Mental Hygiene Committee and as school counselor, under the medical direction of Dr. A. B. Siewers, the public school psychiatrist for Syracuse.

It is felt that the Seymour School is well adapted for the demonstration, since its 800 pupils are fairly representative of the various nationalities and classes making up the popula-

tion of Syracuse. A further reason for its selection was the fact that the psychologist and psychometrist employed by the Department of Public Instruction made a special survey of the children attending the school during the past school year, examining all of the pupils selected by the teaching staff and by the school physician and nurse as possibly mentally defective. About ninety of the children who when thus examined were found to be abnormal mentally, are being placed in special classes.



DR. Oren D. Chapman, who has been serving as serologist in the Bureau of Laboratories for the past three years, has been temporarily appointed as bacteriologist in the Health Department, following the resignation of Professor H. N. Jones. Professor Jones has accepted a position in the Department of Bacteriology of Syracuse University.



**D**R. Herman G. Weiskotten, Dean of the Medical College, Syracuse University, has been appointed Commissioner of Health for Syracuse, following the resignation of Dr. Thomas P. Farmer. Dr. Farmer, who has so ably co-operated in the health demonstration in Syracuse since its inauguration, retired on the first of January to private practice. Dr. Weiskotten is one of the most prominent physicians in Syracuse. He will bring to the office a wide knowledge of health problems and an executive talent of high order.



**A** CAMPAIGN for fresh air as an aid to good health is being conducted throughout Syracuse. Dr. George C. Ruhland, Deputy Commissioner of Health, in inaugurating the drive said that the "advent of colder weather has been the signal apparently for the closing of windows in homes, offices, and also in public conveyances. This practice undoubtedly will react to the disadvantage of the public and add to the number of 'colds' and ill health generally.

"The merits of fresh air have been amply demonstrated in

the treatment of such diseases as tuberculosis and pneumonia. If fresh air is good for the sick, it certainly ought to be good for the well to keep them from becoming sick."



**MISS** Mary MacDonald, R. N., recently made a member of the staff of the Onondaga Health Association, has entered upon her duties as rural health nurse. Miss MacDonald

Dr. Herman G. Weiskotten, former Dean of the Medical College of Syracuse University, who was appointed Commissioner of Health of Syracuse on January first. Dr. Weiskotten is a member of the Advisory Council of the Milbank Memorial Fund and has been actively interested in the development of the urban health demonstration since the time of its inauguration.



has been serving as school and community nurse in Granville, New York.

MISS Mary E. Spencer, health education worker for the National Catholic Welfare Council, Washington, D. C., recently visited Syracuse as a guest of the health demonstration staff. A feature of Miss Spencer's visit was the inspection of the health education work being carried on in the parochial schools under the direction of Miss Katherine N. Hall.

THE inspection of children for communicable diseases, carried on by the school physicians and nurses during the first day and a half of the new school year, revealed but one major illness among the 26,522 children enrolled. This record is felt to be especially good in view of the fact that the schools opened with the largest registration in the history of the school system, 21,809 pupils entering the graded schools and 4,713 being registered in the high schools. 126 children were found to have proven or suspected infections.

AS a feature of the diphtheria immunization campaign there, a contest was recently conducted in the Syracuse public schools. A silver trophy cup was awarded to the school having the lowest percentage of diphtheria cases and the highest percentage of pupils to take the toxin-antitoxin preventative treatment.

The trophy was awarded to Putnam School, more than fifty-five per cent of the school's student body having received the three protective treatments and the final Schick test.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Prudential Insurance Company of America have taken part in the diphtheria immunization campaign, distributing some 42,000 copies of a special card on diphtheria prevention. This card, which was prepared by the Bureau of Health Education at the suggestion of Dr. Donald B. Armstrong, Assistant Secretary of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, announced the establishment of new clinics for the immunization of pre-school children.

THAT the local newspapers in Syracuse are endorsing the work being carried on by demonstration officials in that City, is evidenced by the support they are according the various public health measures of the demonstration through their columns.

In a recent issue, the *Syracuse Journal*, in commenting upon the close of the second year of activity of the demonstration, said: "Two years ago next month the Syracuse Health Demonstration began its program. The results in that time have not been miraculous. It could not be expected that in that brief period miracles could be accomplished. The steps necessary for development have naturally been slow.

"But the general results of the work have been exceptionally pleasing. There has been a steady expansion in all lines, with resultant decreases in the death rate. The average health of the community has improved

noticeably. No praise is too high for the achievements of the demonstration."

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EXAMINATION made at the state clinic for the treatment of children crippled from infantile paralysis, held in Syracuse during December, revealed marked improvement in the condition of many of the disabled children, according to Dr. Leroy W. Hubbard, Orthopedist of the State Department of Health, who conducted the clinic.

These clinics are held semi-annually in the cities of the State. Children who have been under special examination at the Syracuse city clinics are given thorough examinations to determine the treatment necessary in individual cases.

An intensive effort to eradicate diphtheria from New York State, by treating the children of school and pre-school age with toxin-antitoxin, is being conducted by voluntary organizations and by State and local departments of health and education. A pupil from one of the schools of Syracuse, receiving one of the immunization treatments, is shown here.



*The* METROPOLITAN HEALTH DEMONSTRATION  
*in the* BELLEVUE-YORKVILLE DISTRICT *of the*  
CITY OF NEW YORK

DR. Louis I. Harris, former Director of the Bureau of Preventable Diseases of the Department of Health, became Commissioner of Health of the City of New York on January first, following his appointment to that position by the Mayor, the Honorable James J. Walker. Embracing the responsibility of administering public health work throughout the City, the office is one of great civic importance; and Dr. Harris' selection for the place met with wide approval among professional and lay groups. It has a special significance for the residents of the Bellevue-Yorkville district, where co-ordinated with the Department of Health, many voluntary health organizations are attempting through the Community Health Council, to develop a model public health program.

Dr. Harris, who is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, has been in the Department of Health since 1907,

having been appointed to the position of Director of the Bureau of Preventable Diseases in 1917. He is President of the Association of Tuberculosis Clinics in New York City, and Chairman of the Section on Public Health Administration of the American Public Health Association.

As an Advisory Medical Officer of the Community Health Council, Dr. Harris has had an active part in the organization of the metropolitan health demonstration in the Bellevue-Yorkville district. Dr. Frank J. Monaghan, former Health Commissioner, who gave his cordial support to the project, has retired to private practice.

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A PRELIMINARY outline of a general program to be used in developing the metropolitan health demonstration was presented earlier by Dr. Leverett D. Bristol, Executive Officer, to members of the Executive Committee of the Com-

munity Health Council. Specific programs calling for intensive efforts in the control of tuberculosis and for special activities in the fields of child hygiene and social hygiene, are being prepared by sub-committees for early consideration by the Committee.

THE general supervision of the statistical work of the metropolitan health demonstration at least for the present will be carried on by the Bureau of Records of the Department of Health and by the statistical staff of the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association; Mr. Godias J. Drolet serving as Statistical Consultant. Miss Esther L. Davies has been appointed statistical assistant for the demonstration, assuming her duties on the first of December. Miss Davies was formerly statistician for the Atlantic Division of the American Red Cross.

The permanent statistical program will be based on a survey to be made by Mr. Edgar Sydenstricker, assigned to such service by the Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service, and the recommendations of the Statistical

Advisory Committee of the Milbank Memorial Fund.

MISS Amelia Grant, Assistant Professor of Public Health Nursing in the Yale School of Nursing, has been appointed Assistant Executive Officer of the metropolitan health demonstration, to take office on the first of February.

Dr. Louis I. Harris, who took office on January first as Commissioner of Health of the City of New York, has served as an Advisory Medical Officer for the metropolitan health demonstration since its inauguration. He was formerly Director of the Bureau of Communicable Diseases of the Department of Health of New York City.



Miss Grant formerly served as a supervisor in the Henry Street Nursing Service and for a time taught public health nursing at Columbia University. She is an alumna of Teachers College, and of Simmons College, Boston, having received her public health nursing education at these institutions and her general nursing education at Faxon Hospital, in Utica, New York. Miss Grant will devote her time chiefly to the public health nursing problems in the demonstration district.

THE position of Field Organizer in Public Health Education in the Bellevue-Yorkville Health Demonstration, has been filled by Miss Teresa M. Fields. Miss Fields received her training in the North Dakota Agricultural College and the University of Wisconsin. For some years, she taught in the public schools of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Detroit, Michigan. She has also served as Director of the Girls Division of War Camp Community Service and as a special representative for the American Red Cross in its Southwestern

Division. For the past four years, Miss Fields has had charge of the Educational Department of the Tuberculosis Society of St. Louis, Missouri.

AN assembly room for public meetings and a small public health library are included in the plans adopted for the remodelling of the Milbank Memorial Building as the general administrative headquarters for the metropolitan health demonstration. Provision is made for tuberculosis, venereal disease and child hygiene clinics, including laboratory and X-ray facilities, to be maintained by the Department of Health. There is also space available for the development of a dental clinic. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy in the early summer.

The Henry Street Nursing Service; the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor; the Charity Organization Society; the Kips Bay Neighborhood Association and the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association are planning to maintain district administrative offices in the building.



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